—More Happening

"NIGER"

The Negro Ensemble Company's national production of Joseph A. Walker's **"The River Niger,"** which set house records for attendance in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Detroit and Chicago, and is now playing in Cleveland, will return for a triumphant two week engagement at the Mechanic Theater, beginning October 1st and running through the 13th.

Winner of the 1974 Tony Award for Best Play and twenty Broadway awards, 'Niger' will have much the same cast that delighted Baltimore audiences during its last visit.

Under the direction of Douglas Turner Ward, the cast includes Robin Braxton, Yvonne Warden, Dean Irby, Amandina Lihamba, Elizabeth Van Dyke, Carl Gordon, Albert F. LaVeau, Charles Grant-Greene, and in the lead, Gil Lewis. The Harlem household set is by Edward Burbridge with lighting by Shirley Prendergast and costumes by Edna Watson.

Cab at City Fair next Friday

CAB DAY

Friday, September 20 will be proclaimed **Cab Calloway Day** in Baltimore when he comes home for an appearance at the 1974 Baltimore City Fair.

Mayor William D. Schaefer will present a special award to the man who millions known as the "King of Hi-De-Ho."

Although born in Rochester, N.Y. on Christmas night 1907, Mr. Calloway moved to Baltimore at an early age and considers the City where he was raised and educated as his real hometown.

Cab Calloway will perform in concert on Friday evening, September 20 on the Fair's main stage, a giant barge moored to the western edge of the harbor. The one and one-half hour concert will begin at 8 p.m. Mr. Calloway will be accompanied by loca bandleader Zim Zemarel and his Orchestra.

Cab is no stranger to Baltimoreans. When he attended the old Douglas High School in the days of the late Llewelyn Wilson and the late Harry T. Pratt...the family lived in the 1400 blk. Argyle Ave. across the street from the D. Arnett Murphy family. His sister, Bernice Callaway Monroe (Dr. Clarence) still lives in Morgan Park. Still living in the city also is his step-father, J. Nelson Fortune (Jack) long-time Advertising Manager of the AFRO.

HANDICAPPED CAMPERS — Contributions from hundreds of area residents provided week-long camperships for these handicapped employees of Baltimore Goodwill Industries. The funds were obtained in a campaign chaired by Jim Parker, a former Baltimore Colt lineman.

Jerry Wood designs sets for "Purlie" now at the Arena Playhouse.

Moms Mabley is Grace and Skappy White is Forthwith trying to straighten out a crooked politician in "Amazing Grace". Setting is Baltimore but pix was filmed in Philadelphia and other places.

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Music Notes

Gil Lewis is in "The River Niger" coming to Mechanic Oct. 1.

The Senior Choir of Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street, will present Daniel Comegys Jr., lyric baritone, in recital, Sunday, September 22, 1974 at 5:00 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

Comegys is a native Baltimorean — a graduate of Douglass High School and Morgan State College. At the present time he is a graduate fellow at the University of Maryland, College park.

He began vocal study at the age of eleven as a pupil of Frank Whitmore, then of Peabody Conservatory. Upon his completion of studies at Morgan State College when he earned a degree in political science, he traveled to France to study at the Conservatory of Fontainebleau and remained one yaar in

Paris as a student of Nadia Boulanger and Pierre Bernac. He returned to the United States to work a year with Roland Hayes in Boston. Returning to Europe he studied at the Academy of Music in Vienna and the Mozarteum in Salzburg with Eric Werba.

Returning from a recent guest appearance at the Vienna Volksopera, Comegys has concertized at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. and this fall opened the arts series at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore and the Ella Fitzgerald Center for the Performing Arts, Eastern Shore campus of the University of Maryland.

He is married to the former Elaine Ellis. They have two children, Danielle and Marc.

PEABODY RAGTIME

The Peabody Ragtime Ensemble, composed of 8 students from the Peabody Conservatory, will perform at the Baltimore City Fair on Sunday, September 22, at 3:30 p.m. on the Main Stage.

Formed last April, the ensemble includes: Mike Cobbler, trombone; Jeff Cohen, piano; Ed Goldstein, tuba; Cindy Levin, clarinet; Cindy Steigerwald, flute and piccolo; Roger Cocking, drums; Andy Faruolo, violin and Jari Villanueva, trumpet and arranger.

BOWIE STATE

The Department of Music of Bowie State College will kickoff their 1974-75 Concert Series on Sunday, September 15, with a versatile and entertaining program by Gino Mezzapelle, guest wood wind artist.

The concert, which will include works of Brahms, Schubert, Ibert and the artist's own jazz arrangements, will be presented at 4:00 p.m. in the King Center Auditorium at Bowie State College.

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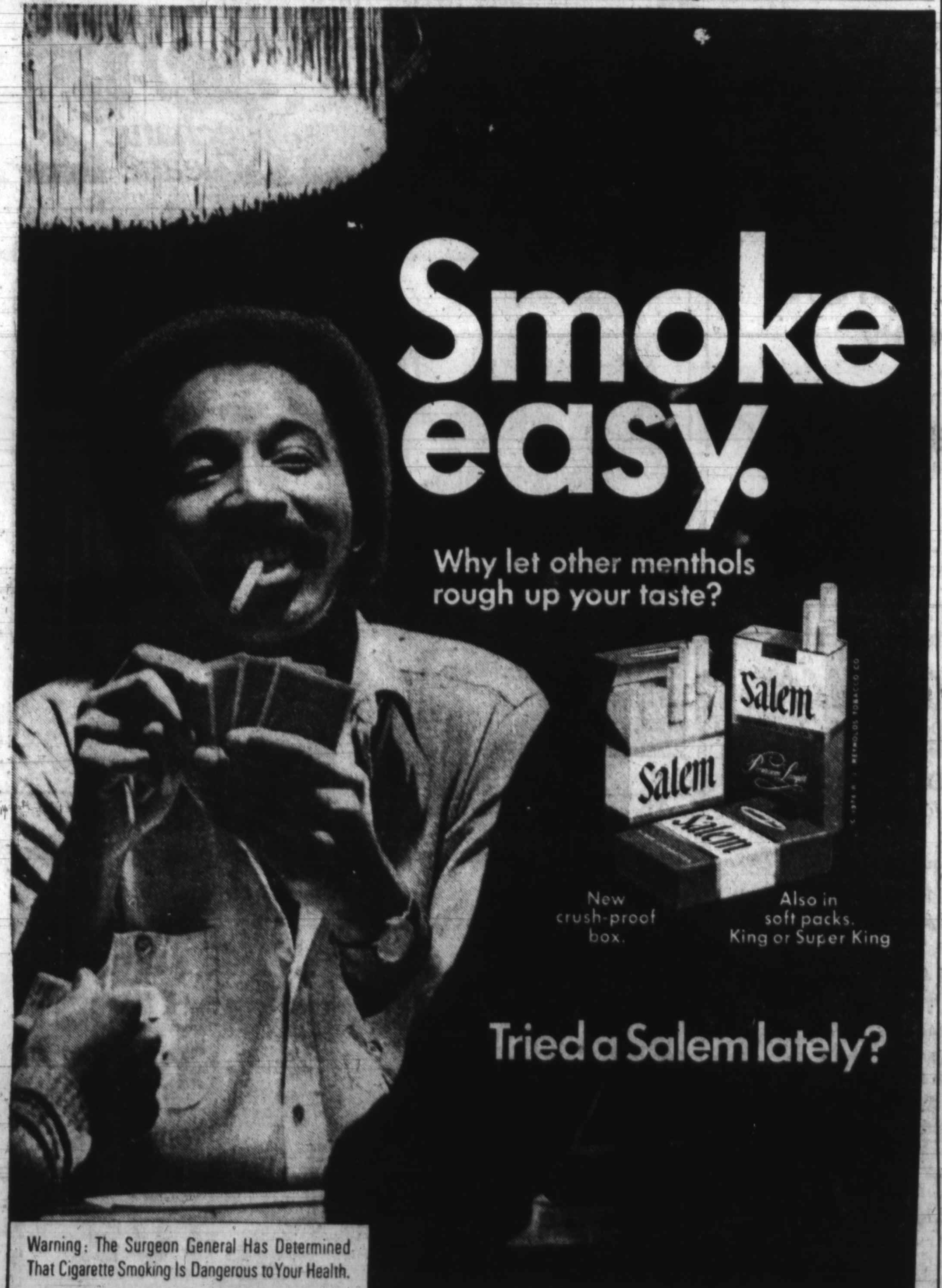

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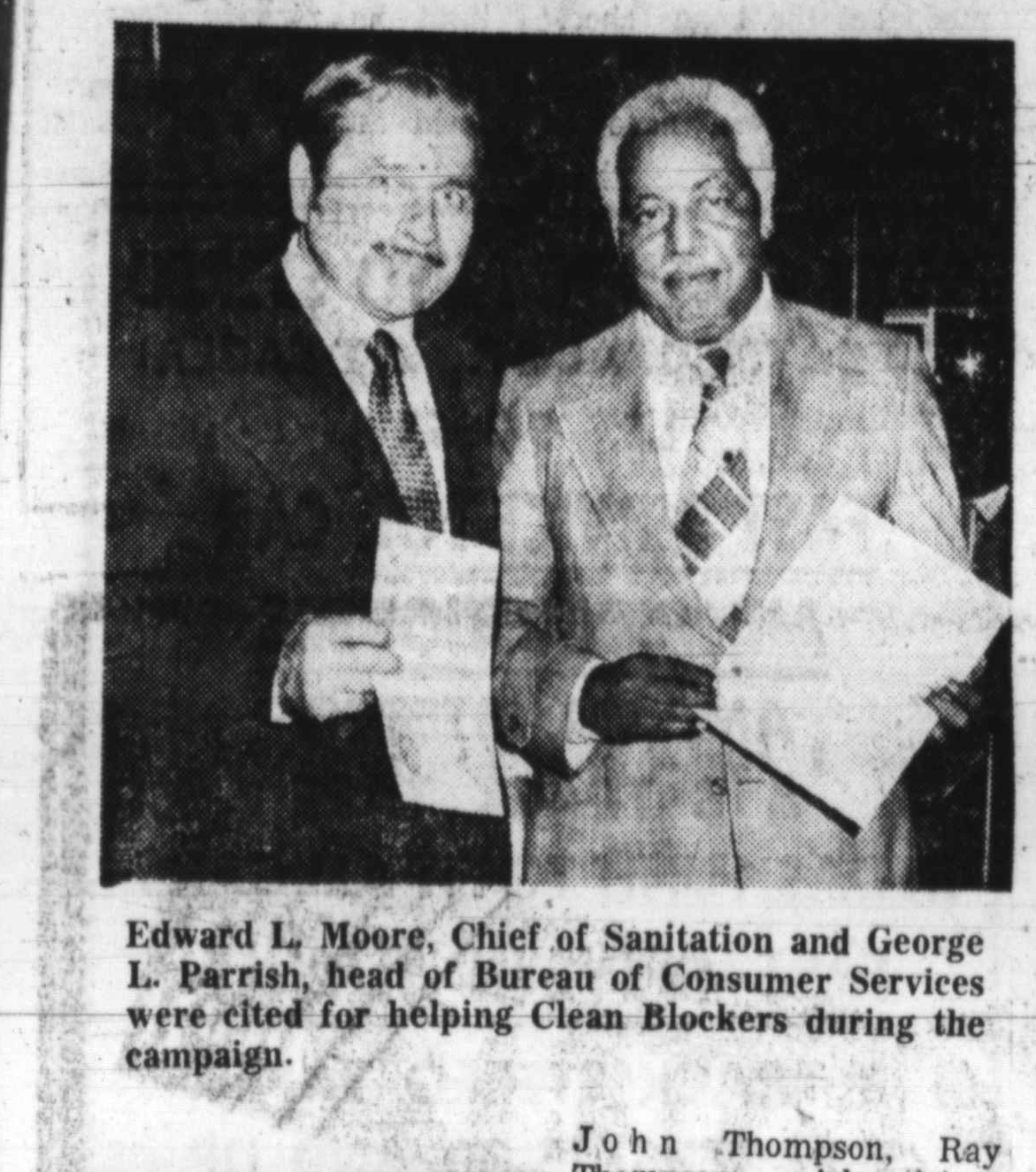
AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS

40th AFRO Clean Block Awards Ceremony

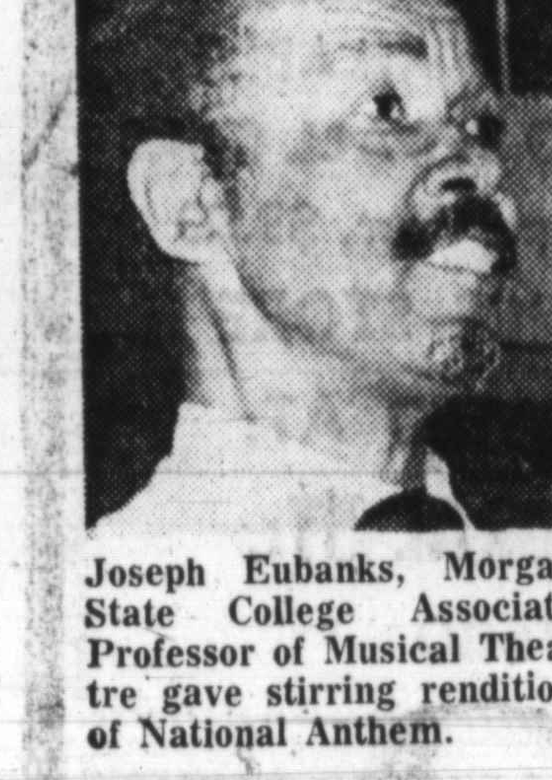
Mondawmin Mall Last Sunday

Platform guests at AFRO Clean Block closing included center, Rev. James Caldwell who gave invocation; John Thompson, hidden; Jack Fructman, head of JF Theatres who received standing ovation for movie parties given 3,000 Clean Blockers; Mrs. Elva Edwards and Mrs. Virginia Baker, Adopt-A-Lot program. Front, Mrs. Maggie Peay, left; Mrs. Vashti McKenzie and Miss Cynthia Stevenson, Public Relations Assistants.

Mrs. Marguerite Campbell, assistant to Mayor Schaefer was cited for helping Clean Blocks get rid of rats, bats and lice. Right, Mrs. Elva Edwards, Assistant Director of Urban Services served as Clean Block Judge for the second year.



Edward L. Moore, Chief of Sanitation and George L. Parrish, head of Bureau of Consumer Services were cited for helping Clean Blockers during the campaign.



Joseph Eubanks, Morgan State College Associate Professor of Musical Theatre gave stirring rendition of National Anthem.

By Ida Peters

More than 81 blocks received cash prizes at the 40th Annual AFRO Clean Block Awards ceremony held in Mondawmin Mall this past Sunday.

AFRO Clean Block captains and their workers gathered early, many an hour before the 2 p.m. starting time

Mrs. Ida Peters, Clean Block director, presided, with John Murphy III, AFRO Chairman of the Board, bringing greetings.

It was a beautiful sight to see the hundreds of captains waving their huge AFRO Honor Flags and American Flags as Joseph Eubanks, Morgan State College-professor, sang the National Anthem.

Clean Block Certificates of Appreciation were presented to city officials and businessmen who had helped make the drive a success.

A standing ovation was given to Jack Fructman, head of JF Theatres who made it possible for 3,000 workers to attend three movie parties in August.

Mayor William D. Schaefer was honored by the AFRO for helping AFRO Clean Blockers throughout the campaign.

Certificates went to Mrs. Elva Edwards, assistant director, Urban Services; Mrs. Marguerite Campbell, mayor's assistant; George Parrish, head, Bureau of Consumer Services; the Rev. Wesley Thomas, Model Cities Sanitation;

Also, Edward J. Moore, chief, Sanitation; Mrs. Virginia Baker, Adopt-A-Lot; John Thompson, Ray Thompson, Advertising; George Brown, C and P Telephone Co., Tool Pool; Major James Watkins, Police Community Relations; Sgt. Raymond Krick, Police Community Relations; Mrs. Barbara Dungee, manager, McCulloh Homes and Mrs. Ruth Thaxton, School No. 20 for their School Clean-Up Drive.

The top block in the city was the 800 Wolfe St. with Sherry Minten, captain. They received award of $200 which included $50 presented by Mayor Schaefer.

The Southwest area organized by Mrs. Henrietta Henson of 2100 Boyd St. received a total of $330. Mrs. Henson started from scratch and organized eight blocks in her area. They hold weekly meetings every Wednesday.

Mrs. Henson won a $50 award as Top AFRO Clean Block Lady. 2100 Boyd won $100; 2000 Boyd, 29 Calverton Road, 100 Calverton Road, 100 McPhail won $35 each. 2100 Booth, 2200 Booth, 2100 Hollins, 36 S. Pulaski won $10 each.

The Northwest area organized by Mrs. Minnie Mitchell won a total of $175 in awards. They included the 2600 W. North Ave., $100; 2700 W. North, $35 and 1800 Braddish, $35.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Tombs (Concern Neighborhood Assoc.) for organizing 30 blocks in the Forest Park area. $50.00

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Fellow Gents Inc. for organizing the 800 Fulton, 1700 Lafayette, 1600 Lafayette, 800 Mount, 1600 Lanvale, 1700 Lanvale and 1800 Lanvale. $25.00

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The Rev. James Caldwell for getting the 1700 block of Bentalou together. $10.00

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Mrs. Gloria Christian for working along with the Clean Block program having a sweep out and getting together the 1000 and 1100 blocks of Popular Grove. $10.00

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Mr. George Lee who was the first to call and register his block and also bring in other blocks. $10.00

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Mrs. Maggie Peay and Mr. George Dozier for Block Campaings. $25.00 faithful service in 40 Clean each.

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Members of the AFRO staff and members of the Board of Directors helped with awarding of prizes and included Mrs. Mae E. Dyson, Kenneth O. Wilson, William E. Waller and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Murphy.

The Clean Block Awards Ceremony closed with urging all blocks to keep clean all year and be ready to start the 41st campaign in the spring.

Many of the honor blocks are holding block parties this weekend or are buying permanent improvements for their blocks.

It is urged that Clean Blockers work with their schools in their neighborhoods to build window boxes and plant flowers for early spring.

Mayor Schaefer poses with Mrs. Maggie Peay of St. Gorges Ave. who was cited by Mrs. Ida Peters for 40 years of faithful services to the AFRO Clean Block program.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Tombs, heads of concerned Neighborhood Assoc. receives award of $50 for their organization which held a Clean up campaign in 50 blocks in the Forest Park Area.

Clean Block Certificates of Appreciation were presented to John Triplett, National Brewing; Norman Ringgold, Commercial Credit; Titus Garnett, Clean Block Judge and East Baltimore AFRO Distributor; Fred O'Neal, president, Mondawmin Merchants; Sherlock Grinage, Kronheim Co.; and George Brown, C and P Telephone Co.

Blocks winning $150 include Wanda Atkins, 1900 Oakhill; Diana Flanagan, 1700 W. Lafayette; Desiree Smith, 1800 Mosher; Martha Payne, 1000 McKean and James Stewart, 1500 Richland.

Sherry Minten, captain of 800 Wolfe St. was named top AFRO Clean Block. They won $200 including the Mayor's award. She is shown with workers.

Norman Ringgold, Commercial Credit is shown with blocks winning $100. Included above are Christine Palmore, 2300 E. Lafayette; Emily Bennett, 2200 E. Lanvale; Velma Lee Dyson, 400 E. 21st St.

More $100 winners Bernadette Stewart, 900 Bennett; Nadine Hudson, 1000 Bennett; Gordon Johns, 1000 Brantley; Mary Manning, 1100 Stricker; Mrs. Eva Burgess, 1900 Mosher; Laurvette Motley, 3800 Chatham Road; Mrs. Louise Flood, 500 Gilmore.

$50 winners above, are Michael Smith, 500 Fulton; Elizabeth Farmer, 1800 Monford; John Hancock, 1400 Myrtle; Renee Jackson, 500 W. Lafayette; Mrs. Shirley Pitt, 600 W. Lafayette; Virginia Moore, 2600 Llewellyn; Marsha Lee, 1700 Brunt; Carol Wilson, 2200 Orem; Mrs. Annie Thomas, 1600 Edmondson.